

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the North

Sunday June 24th 1866

Commenced with fine breeze from the Northward heading E. S. E. set down fore & main royal yards & mizzen topmast & sail at sundown shortened middle & latter part calm saw several timbacks Bump attended to

Lat 41° 28' North
Long 28° 15' West

Monday 25th

Commenced with a light sprang up from the Westward steering S. by E. at sundown shortened sail. latter part a little foggy with a light breeze heading S. E. water engaged taring the rigging & the lower rigging. &c saw timbacks Bump attended to

Lat 42° 30' North
Long 27° 56' West

Tuesday 26th

Commenced with light air from the Northward heading E. S. E. water engaged working in the rigging &c at sundown shortened sail. latter part fine weather set all sail wind veered to the Westward steering S. by E. water engaged painting blocks aloft and taring rigging &c saw timbacks. Bump attended to

Lat 43° 58' North
Long 27° 42' West

Atlantic Ocean James Catto Master

Wednesday 27th

Commenced with fine breeze from the Westward steering S. by E. put up a span line to the fore & main backstays &c at sundown shortened sail middle & latter part light breeze thick foggy weather water engaged making a span line &c

Lat 43° 13' North
Long 28° 11' West

Thursday 28th

Commenced with light breeze from the Westward steering S. by E. picked up a spruce stick at 4 P.M. steering S. E. at sundown shortened latter part light breeze from the S. W. and foggy. saw a bird standing to the Eastward water engaged in various duties. Bump attended to at 9 A.M. steering S. by E.

Lat 47° 0' North
Long 26° 55' West

Friday 29th

Commenced with light breeze from the S. W. steering E. S. E. saw a timbuck. wonder if we shall ever see a whale again six months to day since we broke black knip. & enough to make any one go crazy to think of it & alone realizing it but we will hope latter part made sail weather fine saw two timbacks water engaged working in the rigging &c Bump attended to

Lat 48° 20' North
Long 24° 49' West